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(c) whether it is true that the Government propose to transfer the plant and materials used in the Mettur Project to commence the operations connected with the Tungabhadra Project?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 428.

(b) The Mettur dam works are expected to be completed by September 1934.

(c) It is too early to say whether this should be done.

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—" In reply to my question yesterday the hon. the Revenue Member was pleased to state that the Chief Engineer was on leave and that he was unable to meet him. May I know when the hon. Member may be expected to meet the Chief Engineer? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I am afraid the hon. Member did not quite hear what I said yesterday. What I said was that the Hyderabad Chief Engineer was in Europe and therefore the Madras Chief Engineer could not meet him. Our Chief Engineer has been in correspondence with him to make an arrangement for meeting him since he returned to Hyderabad. After I replied the hon. Member yesterday, I saw our Chief Engineer, and he informed me that he is arranging to proceed to Hyderabad on the 5th February and to meet the Hyderabad Chief Engineer on the 6th February. I have written to the Resident asking him if it is possible to hold a Conference on the 9th or 10th February, at which I could meet representatives of the Hyderabad Government and the two Chief Engineers could be present."

Mr. W. O. Wright:—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether he will give the House an assurance that the economic possibilities of this will be considered before any expenditure is incurred on it by the Government? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" The question has been constantly before the Government whether any of the plant or materials could be used for the Tungabhadra Project or the Bhavani Project."

Kattalai Bed Regulator and the High Level Channel scheme.

* 474 Q.—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 358 given on 3rd November 1932—

(a) whether Rs. 20,37,250 represents the full amount of the estimate of the whole High Level Channel scheme or whether it is for only a part thereof;

(b) if the amount is only for a part, what the cost of the whole estimate will be and when the whole estimate will be ready;

(c) whether the works of the High Level Channel scheme are done piecemeal or whether they are entrusted on contract by tenders;

(*d*) if it is done piecemeal, to what extent and the reasons for the same; if it is by tender, the date for the receipt and disposal of the same;

(*e*) whether the Government propose to call for reports as to the progress of works done till now from the Special Division in charge of the Kattalai Bed Regulator and the High Level Channel scheme; and

(*f*) if there is balance of work in the Kattalai Bed Regulator whether the same has been given on contract by tender, and if so, when, and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*).—The sum represents the full amount of the estimate of the whole Kattalai scheme.

(*c*) The works are split into convenient units and they are given out on contract. Tenders are called for in nearly all cases.

(*d*) In the case of some small masonry works tenders are not invited. In other cases where tenders are called for a fortnight to six weeks' time is given for submission of the tenders and they are disposed of immediately after receipt.

(*e*) Weekly progress reports are being received by the Chief Engineer. Government do not propose to call for them.

(*f*) The Government have accepted a tender for the work. Agreement with the successful tenderer will be concluded shortly.

Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar:—"May I know whether the Rs. 20 lakhs and odd represent the cost of the Kattalai Bed Regulator as well as the High Level Channel scheme?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I should like to have notice of the question."

Irrigation projects in the Tinnevelly district considered by the Projects Division formed in 1921.

* 475 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in regard to the irrigation projects in the Tinnevelly district—

(*a*) the names of all projects which have been considered by the Government till now;

(*b*) the names of those projects which have been examined since 1901, and the result of the investigation along with a brief statement of the area proposed to be benefited, the estimated cost and the reasons for the final orders in respect of each;

(*c*) whether the Projects Division formed in 1921 has considered any project in the Tinnevelly district; and

(*d*) whether any project is now under investigation or consideration?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The information is given in the annexed statement [a].

(*c*) No. The Project Division was formed to examine only such projects as were then under consideration, with a view to

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 253–254 infra.